

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
Scott Roger Finn et al.

: Group Art Unit: 1774

Application No. 10/656,380

: Examiner: Camie S. Thompson

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For: REINFORCED FAN BLADE AND  
METHOD OF MAKING

**ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Applicants appreciate the consideration shown by the Office, as evidenced by the Office Communication mailed on April 3, 2007. In that Office Communication, the Examiner requires an election between I (Claims 1-17) and II (Claims 18-22). **Applicants hereby elect I (Claims 1-17) for prosecution on the merits.** If any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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